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January 4, 2005  
Date of Signature

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION TRANSMITTAL LETTER			ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. 52743-012004
APPLN. NO. 10/712,121	FILING DATE November 13, 2003	EXAMINER A. Sterling	GROUP ART UNIT 3632
INVENTOR(S) <u>Burgess</u>			
TITLE OF INVENTION <u>Deck Mounting Bracket</u>			

## TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is the Response to Office Action dated October 5, 2004.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish a small entry status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ A request for a \_\_\_\_-month extension of time is enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL		MINUS	20	
INDEP.		MINUS	3	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				

## SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADD'L FEE
x \$9 =	\$0
x \$43 =	\$0
x \$145 =	\$
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	\$

OTHER THAN A  
SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADD'L FEE
x \$18 =	\$
x \$86 =	\$
x \$290 =	\$
TOTAL ADD'L FEE	\$

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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover filing fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-0206. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☐ I hereby petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 13-0206. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Burgess )  
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 5, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.